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SUBJECT: VISIT OF U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS

MORRISON AND CALDWELL

1. U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VICE CHAIRMAN CLINTON MORISON (VICE CHAIRMAN OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS) AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR JOHN L. CALDWELL PLAN TO VISIT SYRIA AUGUST 18-20. THEY WILL BE ATTENDING DAMASCUS FAIR AND CONFERRING WITH GOS OFFICIALS AS GUESTS OF SYRIAN GOVERNMENT. (ORIGINAL INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAIR TO CHAMBER PRESIDENT ARCH N. BOOTH, WHO UNABLE TO ATTEND.)

2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT INCLUDING TRAVEL ASSISTANCE BEING HANDLED BY GOS THROUGH SYRIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. CALDWELL MET AUGUST 6 WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER AND NEA WILL PROVIDE VISITORS WITH GENERAL BRIEFING PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

3. MORRISON AND CALDWELL WILL COMMUNICATE WITH EMBASSY ON UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRIVAL AND MAY SEEK COUNTRY BRIEFING. WHILE THEY ANTI-

CIPATE NO OTHER NEED FOR ASSISTANCE, REQUEST POST EXTEND
APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED.

4. FYI: FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL ITINERARY OF MORRISON AND

AUGUST 17, 1745 HRS: ARRIVE BEIRUT VIA BA 810 FROM
LONDON (HOTEL PHOENICIA)

AUGUST 18, P.M.: DEPART FOR DAMASCUS BY AUTO
..... P.M.: ARRIVE DAMASCUS (NEW OMAYAH HOTEL)

AUGUST 20, 1700 HRS: DEPART DAMASCUS FOR BEIRUT BY AUTO
..... 2000 HRS: ARRIVE BEIRUT
..... 2200 HRS: DEPART BEIRUT FOR TEHRAN VIA PAN AN
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(FROM TEHRAN, MORRISON AND CALDWELL PROCEEDING ON
VISITS TO KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND ALGERIA.) KISSINGER

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